

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 11

January 31, 2017

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes persons 65 years of age or older to request permanent removal from jury duty consideration upon submitting an affidavit and documentation to the local jury coordinator.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Potential jurors must be at least 18 years of age, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-101, and are chosen from licensed driver records provided by the Department of Safety, as authorized by Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-2-301(a).
- Local jury coordinators can currently remove persons from licensed driver records prior to generating local jury lists by utilizing the Tennessee Court Information System.
- According to 2015 United States Census Bureau population data, on average, 66 percent of county populations are between 18 and 65 years of age.
- According to the Annual Statistical Report published by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the average number of jury trials conducted in criminal and circuit court was 28 per county from 2014 to 2015.
- Making affidavit forms available for citizens to request removal from jury duty consideration will not result in a significant increase in local government expenditures.
- The number of citizens 65 years of age and older who will request to be permanently removed from jury duty consideration and the number of jury trials that will be conducted annually in each county is unknown. Mailing of additional summons may be required to account for individuals removed from jury duty consideration in some counties; however any fiscal impact to local governments is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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